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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Sir: In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The applicant has narrowed and corrected the claims as directed by the examiner in the Office Action, and has raised no new issues. The applicant respectfully requests that the case be amended as follows to place it in condition for allowance. The claim changes and cancellations comply with the examiner's requirements and narrow the claims to obviate the outstanding rejections.

The remarks state and justify why the claim changes were not presented before. The claims don't contain any new limitations or radical changes that would raise new issues. The response begins on page 2 of this paper, and the amended claims in correct format start on page 10.

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